

Engaging India in terrorism by terrorist outfits in J and K

2788. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether jehadi terrorists outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaishmohammidi and others have long term objective of engaging whole of the country in terrorism and that they believe that Kashmir is only a gateway to India; and

(b) if so, Government's proposals to meet this challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir. Reports to this effect have come to notice.

(b) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of militants by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication systems etc. Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of various militant outfits. Steps have also been taken to secure greater international cooperation for curbing the activities of such militant organisations.

Difference in Central and State Governments about Ceasefire in J and K

2789. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir State and the Central Government speak in different languages regarding unilateral ceasefire and its extensions; and

(b) if so, the reasons with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO):

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(a) and (b) There are no differences between the Central and the State Government about the Peace Initiative. The initiative was renewed by the Government after reviewing all aspects of the situation in its totality and benefitting from the deliberations in an all party meeting held on February 21, 2001.

Communal riots in the country

2790. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of communal riots that took place in the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and till date, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed, rendered homeless and become physically handicapped in those incidents; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Persons arrested under TADA

2791. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested under the TADA throughout the country till 31st December, 2000, State-wise; and

(b) the number of persons released till 31st December, 2000 and also those who are still in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Since law and order is a State subject, the information regarding number of persons arrested/released under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 is not being Centrally maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.